

--the illustration 6:7-8

all the earth participates in the blessing of God:

some bears fruit and is blessed
some bears briars and is rejected.

--The point is to be sure you are on the right ground and, says Paul, we are persuaded these better things of you...6:9

(3) Phase 3...Hebrews 6:9-20

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In this phase of the warning the emphasis is on the role of Christ as "forerunner" and the necessity of our following Him.

--the sure faithfulness of God...6:10

--the historicity of God's promise..6:13-14

--the realization of reward 6:15

--the nature of God's oath 6:17-18

--the assurance of our hope 6:19

--acceptance in the presence of God 6:20

But the challenge is to follow the forerunner.

c. The Meaning of this segment

- (1) Christ is the superior priest
- (2) He is ours
- (3) His ability to save is total
- (4) His administration is perfect
- (5) We dare not leave His work or His person.

d. Some extended ideas:

- (1) Hebrews 5:8
- (2) Hebrews 6:10
- (3) Hebrews 7:25
- (4) the Melchizadek priesthood
- (5) the new covenant
- (6) requirements and intentions of the priestly office

And, if it's all right with you, we will start the next section at the top of a fresh page. Nothing like working on a new sheet.